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SUBJECT: VEST-BELOVSKI MEETING: OTHER TOPICS

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1. ATTACK ON YUGOSLAV MISSION. VEST OPENED HIS JULY 7 DISCUSSION WITH BELOVSKI (REF) BY SAYING WE HAD GOOD NEWS TO REPORT ON THE CONDITION OF RADOMIR MEDIC, THE YUGOSLAV UN MISSION EMPLOYEE WHO HAD BEEN WOUNDED IN THE TERRORIST ATTACK LAST MONTH. OUR UN MISSION HAD JUST TELEPHONED US THAT THE BULLET FROM NEAR MEDIC'S SPINE HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY REMOVED. HE WILL REQUIRE A LONG CONVALESCENCE AND, ALTHOUGH HE MIGHT BE PARTIALLY DISABLED, THERE IS NOW HOPE FOR NEARLY COMPLETE RECOVERY. BELOVSKI WELCOMED THE NEWS OF THE OPERATION'S SUCCESS BUT EVINced SOME CONCERN ABOUT THE EXTENT OF POSSIBLE DISABILITY.

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2. LATER IN THE DISCUSSION, BELOVSKI SAID HE HAD HEARD JUST BEFORE LEAVING THE EMBASSY THAT THE THREE DEFENDANTS HAD BEEN RELEASED ON BAIL. BELOVSKI SAID STATE AUTHORITIES HAD FIXED BAIL AT \$40,000 A PIECE AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES HAD ASKED \$200,000. HE ADDED THAT THE FACT THE DEFENDANTS HAD BEEN ABLE TO PUT UP SO MUCH MONEY

SUGGESTS SOMETHING ABOUT THE RESOURCES BEHIND THEM. VEST POINTED TO OUR LEGAL PROVISIONS REGARDING BAIL AND DUE PROCESS. HE PROMISED TO LOOK INTO THE SPECIFICS OF THIS SITUATION AND TO KEEP BELOVSKI INFORMED. WE UNDERSTAND USUN HAS REPORTED FURTHER ON THIS SUBJECT.

3. KARDELJ VISIT. DURING CLOSING AMENITIES, BELOVSKI ASKED IF THERE IS ANY WORD ON DATES FOR A KARDELJ VISIT. VEST INFORMED HIM THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN DISCUSSING THIS WITH WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS AND WE SHOULD HAVE SPECIFIC DATES SOON. PREVIOUSLY IN THE CONTEXT OF PROTECTION FOR DEPUTY FOREIGN SECRETARY MOJSOV, WHO WILL THEN BE HERE AS UNGA PRESIDENT, (REF), BELOVSKI HAD REMARKED THAT MOJSOV WOULD ACCOMPANY KARDELJ DURING THE LATTER'S VISIT. VANCE

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